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COUNTRY	Austria	REPORT
TOPIC	Aspern Airfield	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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- About 10 p.m. on 10 March 1953 [redacted] in the Aspern (P 49/1 49) area an aircraft in the beam of a searchlight. The reports of firing aircraft weapons were heard. 25X1
- The following air activity was observed at the field on 11 March:
 At 7:20 a.m., 3 MiG-15s were observed aloft headed west. One of the planes towed an air sleeve which was approached by the two other planes. At 7:30 a.m. a Pe-2 took off headed east. Another plane took off at 7:40 a.m. headed in the same direction. At 8:20 a.m., 2 Pe-2s took off in rapid succession and also headed east. At 8:30 a.m., 9 Pe-2s arranged in three flights crossed the field from west to east. From 8:45 to 8:51 a.m. MiG-15s [redacted] landed. The latter plane released an air sleeve over the field before landing. The engines of 5 MiG-15s were started at 10:04 a.m. One MiG-15 taxied to the eastern border of the installation as far as a point about 150 meters from the air sleeve lying in the field. The tow-rope of the air sleeve which was 8 to 10 meters long and about 50 cm in diameter was fastened under the nose of the plane. The MiG-15 took off at 10:10 a.m. Other take-offs and landings observed included: 25X1

Take-Off	Landing	Plane	Remarks
10:10 a.m.		1 MiG-15	with air sleeve
10:10 1/2 a.m.		2 MiG-15s	simultaneous take-off
10:26 a.m.		2 MiG-15s	same as above
	10:45 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
	10:50 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
	10:57 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
	10:58 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
11:00 a.m.		1 MiG-15	with air sleeve
11:01 a.m.		several MiG-15s	[redacted]
	11:14 a.m.	1 MiG-15	with air sleeve
	11:30 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
	11:40 a.m.	1 MiG-15	[redacted]
11:53		1 MiG-15	with air sleeve

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11:54 a.m.

several

MiG-15s

11:59 a.m.

1 MiG-15

12:01 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:14 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:16 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:20 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:35 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:37 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:45 p.m.

1 MiG-15

12:47 p.m.

1 MiG-15

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All the planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks and short cables. Before landing the planes would extend their split flaps.

The aircraft revetments at the field were empty and unguarded.

At 7:30 p.m. two MiG-15s with burning position lights flying over Vienna toward Aspern. Prior to 10:30 a.m. weather was 9/10 overcast, visibility about 4,000 meters, northwesterly wind of a velocity of about 40 km/h, cloud base at an altitude of about 900 meters. After 10:30 a.m., weather became scattered and visibility good. At 1 p.m., 9 Pe-2s, some of them without propellers, 26 MiG-15s, 3 biplanes, and 4 two-seater single-engine planes were observed at the field.

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3. North of Fuel Dump West 4 to 6 AA guns fitted with funnel-shaped muzzles were emplaced. Tank trucks and trucks left the fuel dump toward Vienna. Other motor vehicles identified at the field included trucks with starting device for aircraft engines, van-like truck, and jeep. All the drivers of the vehicles mentioned except for that of the van-like truck, wore black-bordered blue overalls.

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Comment. The small number of Pe-2s of which some were without propellers and the taking off of some other Pe-2s to the east cannot be explained. The Pe-2s were possibly moved to another field or engaged in an exercise. The air activity by MiG-15s followed the usual pattern. The take-off by a MiG-15 with an attached air sleeve

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was reported previously.

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